GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL EXPLORATION IN COCHIN HIGH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any drilling/exploration operations are taking place in Cochin High; and

(b) if so, the status of such drilling/exploration projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) and (b) Yes,Sir.Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, 19 exploration blocks have been contracted in Kerala Konkan offshore and deepwater areas (Cochin High).Out of these two Blocks have been relinquished.

A total of 39081 Line Kilometer (LKM) of 2D seismic & 9241 SQKM of 3D seismic data have been acquired in these blocks as on 30.9.2008.5 Exploratory wells have been drilled.No discovery has been made so far in these Blocks.